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The following points were brought up in a meeting held in the Ministry of
 Machine Construction on 19 March 1951 under the chairmanship of the Minister
 Gerhard Ziller:

- a. The Hauptverwaltung Allgemeiner Maschinenbau und Fahrzeugbau produced
 one-thousand tractors, instead of the planned nine-hundred.*
- b. In the first two months of 1951, the gross output in the various depart-
 ments amounted to the following percentages of the planned output:

	Percent
Heavy machinery	96.2
Precision machinery and optics	94.5
Electrotechnical	92.6
Shipbuilding	77.7
General machinery	68.4
Vehicles	60.6

Total for the Ministry 81.2 percent

Compared with the first two months of 1950, the output showed an increase
 of 24 percent.

- c. Only 5,500 tons of crude iron were expected to be available from March
 imports, as against the expected 7900 tons. Only 350 tons had actually
 arrived at Leipzig by 17 March. Negotiations with Austria for the
 procurement of 20,000 tons of crude iron in return for 8,000 tons of
 scrap were under way. Attempts were being made to obtain 5,000 to 10,000
 tons of crude iron from Poland which the latter country had received
 from Austria. 14,738 tons of rolled products had arrived from the
 USSR. There were possibilities of obtaining double-dipped sheets
 during the second quarter of 1951, since the USSR and Western Germany
 had agreed to supply 3,000 tons and 2,200 tons respectively. Final
 confirmation had, however, not been received.

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- d. During the first week in April, Abteilungleiter Lippert was to discuss with Abteilungleiter Winkelmann and Staatssekretär Canter-Gilmans the organization of a committee regarding a "Chinese Delegation".
- e. Great efforts were to be made to recruit shipbuilding workers "from the west".
- f. On completion, the HAMBURG and the HANSA, now at the Warnow-Werft, will have a draught of $9\frac{1}{2}$ meters. Therefore, the channel, which is only 8 meters deep, is being dredged.

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Comment: Apparently during the first two months of 1951.

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